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## MONTPELIER

D. W. Cooley of Waterbury was a local visitor yesterday.

The fire department was called Monday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keith on Barre street, where a chimney was burning out.

Harry White has returned from France. He entered the military service last spring and was assigned to the 57th pioneer regiment, with which he went to France, but did not go into replacement duty like the most of the regiment; therefore, he was sent home and has been mustered out of service.

Mrs. E. M. Harvey has issued a request that the boys who return from the military service register with the Red Cross or at the office of E. M. Harvey, that the home service department of the Red Cross may have knowledge of their return from service.

A meeting of those in Montpelier who participated last year in the Epworth League Institute, which was conducted at the seminary, occurred in the Methodist church vestry last evening. Several of the pastors attended the conference. Rev. C. W. Kelley of Irapuato was elected dean of the institute. Rev. Mr. Moore of Randolph registrar, and Rev. Mr. Sutor treasurer.

Another good-sized crowd attended the fair which is being conducted by the band and company in the armory, on Monday evening. Several couples from Barre came here for the entertainment.

Judge Z. S. Stanton today dictated to Mrs. F. L. Laird, court reporter, his findings of fact in the Boyce case, which originated some years ago from Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Willey of Berlin celebrated the anniversary of their 25 years of married life Saturday evening by an entertainment given them by their friends in the hall in Berlin, 80 persons attending the affair. Dancing and re-

freshments were enjoyed. M. J. Corliss, on the part of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Willey a purse of silver. Mr. Willey making suitable acceptance remarks. They have long been residents of Berlin and are well known in that town. Mrs. Willey was Sarah Andrews of Berlin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Willey have three children, Harold, Ethel and Laura.

Clerk L. C. Moody is making up his docket for the March term of Washington county court, which will convene March 11. There seems to be but little work on the court calendar, although many cases have been set on the jury calendar. The jury will be drawn in a few days, it is expected.

Judge Frank Martin of the probate court and State's Attorney E. R. Davis were in Waterbury today to attend the hearing given relative to the matter of John Ross, who is in the state hospital, and of whom petition has been brought to have him committed at state expense.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

A. M. Nixon of Boston was transacting business in this city yesterday. Burton Wiggins of South Main street has accepted a position in Boston in the manufacture of confectionery and leaves for that city to-morrow afternoon. Further information relative to the death of Lieut. Francis R. Hoyt, who was transport surgeon on the British transport Lyceum, is that he died in Bristol, England. Lieut. Hoyt stood at the head of the list of surgeons in the transport service.

Special convocation of Granite chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p. m. Work, R. A. degree. On this occasion the D. D. G. H. P. will make his official visit. Refreshments. Per order E. H. P.

BARRE DAILY TIMES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1919.

## The Weather

Cloudy to-night and Wednesday, probably snow; warmer to-night; moderate shifting winds, becoming southeast and south.

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Mrs. W. S. Davidson of Boston is spending a few days in this city. H. J. Benton of Boston was transacting business in this city yesterday. A. L. Stern of New York City completed a day of business here last night. Ruth McKay of Groton was among the business visitors in this city yesterday. Jerry Duggan of Northfield was among the business visitors in this city to-day. D. H. Jellison of Boston was among the business visitors in this city yesterday.

Ivers & Pond piano, mahogany case, practically new; 123 Washington street.

J. K. Harrigan of Fall River, Mass., was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. D. Orrin of Boston, Mass., was among the business visitors in this city to-day.

E. E. Amedon of New York City was among the business visitors in this city to-day.

Alderman Henry Alexander of the 6th ward is in Boston passing a few days on business.

Charles M. Morton of New York City was transacting business in Barre yesterday.

George T. Stratton and James T. Marston are passing a few days in Boston on business.

Dr. J. F. Claire of Waterbury was among the business visitors in this city yesterday.

Fenway Mott of Brookfield was in this city this morning on a business and pleasure trip.

Seraphin Levin of the B. Tomasi block underwent a minor operation at the City hospital yesterday.

H. W. Murphy of this city returned yesterday from an extended visit with friends in Woodstock.

George A. Cross of Northfield, who was recently transacting business in Barre, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill of Marshfield visited this city yesterday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

B. M. Jewett of Boston contributed toward the large number of business visitors in Barre yesterday.

J. J. Downey of Burlington contributed towards the large number of business visitors in this city yesterday.

Ira Baker returned to his home in Moretown this morning after spending a few days in this city on business.

C. N. Fulton of Boston arrived in this city yesterday afternoon and expects to spend a few days in this vicinity on business.

Miss Annie McGue returned to her home in Boston yesterday after spending the week end with relatives in this city.

The K. of C. will hold its fifth pool and "45" tournament on Wednesday evening. Capt. Burke has a new team coming from Sohier.

Mrs. Hattie Sivright of Williams-town, who was operated on for gallstones at the City hospital Sunday, is doing as well as could be expected.

Thomas Sanfraenti of Seminary street returned to his home yesterday after an absence of about one year during which time he was employed in Boston.

At the K. of C. hall Tuesday night, Feb. 25, white party, 8 to 10. Dancing, 10 to 12. Morgan's orchestra. Admission, 25c. Everybody come—adv.

Attorney H. I. Foster of Washington, D. C., representative of the federal trade commission, left this morning for Boston after a business visit in the city.

N. C. Jetwood of Chicago, a granite dealer, arrived here yesterday and expects to spend several days in the Barre granite district placing orders for monuments.

George W. Hunt of North Main street received word this morning that his daughter, Mrs. Owen Duffy, was seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in Billerica, Mass.

Henry C. Whitaker, editor of the Montpelier News, and W. O. Willison, a well-known Wisconsin quarryman, have returned to their homes in Chicago after passing several days in the Barre granite district.

The regular meeting of the veterans' auxiliary, No. 5, will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, with initiation. A large attendance is desired, as the division commander, C. R. Davenport, S. of V., and a large delegation from Montpelier camp and auxiliary are expected to be present. Refreshments will be served.

Economies. Burn local fuel. The best slab wood ever seen in Barre is the way my customers speak of the kind I am now delivering. Cut good length and every stick sound. Price reasonable. Will split ready for use at 25 cents a run extra. Also can deliver a few more loads of good, dry, second-growth and limewood. Get your order in early. Telephone 377 M. H. C. Leonard.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Harriet N. Little on Feb. 17 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Woodbury, in Homestead, Fla. Little is known of the circumstances except that she had been ill a few days. No word has been received as to funeral arrangements, but it is supposed the body will be brought to Barre for interment. Mrs. Little's home having been here previous to her going to Florida. She was over 80 years old.

Their appetite for thrift stamps cloyed for the time being, by the way, the wares have turned out to be perfectly good. A thief, whose home address is a matter of strong suspicion, recently relieved a Liberty street householder of a pork roast, and with such boldness was the theft committed that a number of neighborhoods in ward 1, a hailstorm hitherto remarkably free from the so-called burglary wave, have been thoroughly alarmed.

There were two respondents before city court this morning and both cases were for drunkenness. George McKenney, lumberman from Rochester, was the first one called and he pleaded guilty to a first offense. He was fined \$5 with costs of \$6.30, or the alternate of 10 days in the county jail. Being without funds, he was obliged to take the jail sentence. Frank Davis, a lumberman from Bangor, Me., also pleaded guilty to a first offense and the same penalty was imposed upon him and he, likewise, was obliged to take the jail sentence.

To-night at the capital, Barre will be largely represented at a hearing to be held in the State House on the barge terminal bill, in the passage of which business and farming interests in this vicinity are vitally interested. Representatives of this section of Washington county will have an opportunity to address the hearing. Delegations from the city council, the Barre Board of Trade and Quarters' and Manufacturers' associations have been appointed to participate in the hearing, but it is hoped that a large number of other citizens will attend.

STATE EXPENSES WILL  
NOT BE INVESTIGATED  
DECIDES THE HOUSE

(Continued from first page.)

an act relating to elections, changing the dates on which certain acts shall be done, Senator Carr opposing the bill; H. 42, an act relating to transportation and board of pupils. Senator Carr opposed the bill. Senators LaFleur and Vilas opposed. Senators Kingsley, Ballou, Adams, Bates, Noonan, Hill and Taylor favored. On a yeas and nays vote third reading was ordered 18 to 7.

The Senate ordered to be and a special order Wednesday, the following, H. 1, an act relating to qualification of voters in town meetings, providing that women voters, shall take the freeman's oath and pay a poll tax.

Third reading was refused by the Senate on S. 43, an act to make uniform the law of partnerships, by rising vote, 18 to 4, and S. 45, an act to make uniform the law of sale of goods. Amendment proposed by committee defeated, 15 to 4, rising vote.

Bills Introduced in House.

Relative to the registration and operation of motor vehicles owned by non-residents residing within 15 miles of the boundaries of this state. Provides a reciprocal clause that for a fee of \$2 such motor vehicle owned within 15 miles of the boundary of this state but in another state may operate in this state if the owner has complied with the laws of the state in which he lives. Read the second time and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Belknap of Cavendish, to pay the towns of Cavendish, Middletown, Pawlet, Shelburne, Fayston, Eden, Barnard, Reading, Weatherfield, Waitsfield and the North Bennington incorporated school district the sums there-in named. For errors in the school reports of 1916 and 1917. Cavendish, \$276.55; Middletown Springs, \$575; Pawlet, \$72.22; Shelburne, \$75; Fayston, \$26.66; Eden, \$20; Barnard, \$20; Reading, \$40; Weatherfield, \$15; Waitsfield, \$15; North Bennington incorporated school district, \$542.30.

To enable Swanton village to alter its bounds by extending the same so as to include fire district No. 2 and other territory in the town of Swanton and to amend and to repeal certain sections of No. 252 of the acts of 1888. A substitute bill for H. 150, which was introduced by Mr. Webster of Swanton. Read the second time and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reported by the committee on municipal corporations, to amend the first paragraph of section 56 of No. 211 of the acts of 1902, as amended, relating to the charter of city of Barre. Changes the provisions so that 100 cents on a dollar of the grand list may be appropriated for school purposes instead of 70 cents. Read second time and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Austin of Reading, relating to transfers of inmates between certain state institutions. Transfers may be made between the industrial school, home for feeble-minded or insane hospital when it seems wise, under proper authority.

Reported by the committee on banking and insurance as a substitute for H. 36, relating to the supervision of insurance rating organizations. Read the second time and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reported by the committee on state institutions, to amend section 7,164 of the general laws relating to visitation of state institutions and to provide for the purchase of supplies for the Soldiers' home. Adds Soldiers' home to list of institutions to be visited; and such home management may ask the state purchasing agent to buy its supplies. Read the second time and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Last Evening's Session.

The Senate last evening provided for two committees of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, the first on H. 40, the bill of control bill, which originally provided for adding the commissioner of agriculture to the board. The Senate amended it to strike off both the commissioner of agriculture and the director of state institutions, adding thereto the lieutenant governor and the secretary of state. The House refuses to concur and the Senate insists, hence the conference, Senators Steele, Vilas and Lewis being appointed.

The other conference will be on S. 5, the bill to pay town clerks a salary, which was amended in 10 particulars by the House and which the Senate first agreed to, then reconsidered its vote last evening, refused to concur and Senators Payne, Ames and Vilas were appointed a committee of conference.

The Senate passed the following bills: S. 44, providing for discontinuance of service by electric companies on non-payment of charges; S. 58, relating to actions in municipal and justice courts; S. 68, relating to letters of administration; H. 54, providing set of "Vermont Digest" for town of Newport; H. 19, relating to taxes on unorganized towns and goes; H. 123, remedying omissions in grand list; H. 135, relating to returns by telephone companies; H. 178 (as amended) abating taxes of soldiers and sailors in war with Germany.

The Senate concurred in House amendments to S. 30, relating to publicity of partnerships and ordered H. 24, relating to employment of women and children in manufacture of perishable products, and S. 66, providing for conservation of water resources, to lie.

In the House, the members voted unanimously to draw another \$100 for salary passed H. 73, relating to assessment and early collection of poll taxes, H. 61, providing for the bottling of cream and milk, was torpedoed without warning by Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, who said it would injure the small dealer. Senate amendments to H. 63, amending the charter of Proctor, were concurred in, and S. 27, relating to display of certain red and black flags, was ordered to lie after being amended out of shape by both House and Senate.

The House killed S. 2, fixing liability of municipalities doing street work, S. 64, relating to exemption of home from taxation, S. 49, relating to municipal bonds, was amended and passed, and H. 53, making insurance companies liable

for the acts of their agents, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Estee of Montpelier.

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Will all discharged soldiers and sailors, or a member of a soldier's family, call or send to the home service section of the Red Cross the following data:

Date of discharge, if wounded, ill or killed in line of duty; date and military address at time of same. Jackson block, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon, or telephone 692-V.

Regular stated convention of Vincitia lodge, No. 10, K. of P., Tuesday night, Feb. 25, at 7:30.

Blank of page worked on four candidates. Remember, at 7:30.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WORK WANTED—First-class hand polisher wants employment; lining-up man also wants work; send replies to "Polisher," care Times office, Barre.

WANTED—Woman or girl for general housework; no wages. Mrs. M. W. Wheeler, 35 Loomis street, Montpelier.

WARNING FOR ANNUAL CITY ELECTION

March 4, 1919.

The legal voters of the city of Barre, Vt., are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, March 4, 1919, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, in their respective wards at the several voting places hereinafter named, for the purpose of electing a mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, first constable, second constable, three directors of French's Barre library, and three auditors, all of whom shall hold office for one year; also one assessor to serve for three years; also to vote upon the following questions:

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?" "Shall licenses of the fifth class be granted in this city?"

Also for the purpose of electing in ward one, one alderman to serve for two years; in ward three, one alderman to serve for two years; in ward five, one alderman to serve for two years and one school commissioner to serve for three years; in ward six, one school commissioner to serve for three years.

The following are designated as voting places in the several wards:

Ward one—Church street school building.

Ward two—Spaulding school building.

Ward three—Summer street school building.

Ward four—Brook street school building.

Ward five—Ward five school building.

Ward six—City court room, city hall building.

Dated at the city of Barre, Vt., this 20th day of February, A. D. 1919.

EUGENE C. GLYSSON, Mayor.

Attest: JAMES MACKAY, City Clerk.

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EVENING.....6:45 and 8:30  
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"HE COMES UP SMILING"

A corking good Comedy Drama. Also Houdini in "The Master Mystery" and a News Picture.

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The best production seen here for some time. Don't miss it. The Rivoli Theatre, New York, recently played this feature to capacity houses for an extended run.

## THURSDAY

LINA CAVALIERI in "A WOMAN OF IMPULSE"

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We offer our big stock of Women's Overgaiters, all colors, Grays in variety of shades, Brown, Fawn, White and Black, at tempting prices.

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